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#### Mother-Daughter Brunch for Scholarship Sponsors

A mother-daughter brunch hosted by the Scholarship Sponsors will be held at 10 a.m. on May 9 in Marian Centre. The Scholarship Sponsors Endowment Fund, the oldest organization on campus, was founded to provide an endowment the interest on which provides financial assistance to Avila students. The fund has grown to \$109,513 and is currently assisting 15 students. Membership is \$50 a year.

Officers of the organization are Mrs. Ole Jensen, president: Mrs. Maurice O'Sullivan, vice president; Mrs. Albert Ridge, secretary and Mrs. Edward Thornhill, treasurer.

### Faculty Cited

Richard Blume, instructor in the administration of justice program and police chief of Leawood, Kansas, was featured recently on the Awards for Valor Program as "Officer of the Year" for his work in education. The program was broadcast on KMBC-TV.

A second-year music student in the preparatory department at Avila, John Lewis, was awarded first place in the Steinway Night competition sponsored locally by the Jenkins Music Company. Nine finalists played for John Steinway of Steinway and Sons, New York. John, a junior at Center Senior High, received \$150 and Sr. de La Salle, Avila music coordinator who instructs John, received \$100.

**Program Model** 

An article by Virginia Johnson and Sr. Marie Joan Harris entitled "Crossroads in Medical Technology Education: A Coordinated Program-Necessity or Opportunity?" has been published in the American Journal of Medical Technology. The basis for the article is Avila's new coordinated medical technology program, the only one of its kind in the Kansas City area.

#### Gray Panther Head to Speak May 8

Maggie Kuhn, national convener of the Gray Panther Movement, will speak at 7 a.m. on May 8 in the Actors' Laboratory Theatre. The program is free and is open to the public. The Grav Panthers organization is an activist group of older and younger adults working together for social change and justice for older citizens. Among the topics which will be discussed are "agism," nursing home reforms, life cycle education, geriatric communes, powerlessness and social change.



#### New Members Goal of PSC Campaign

The second annual membership campaign of the President's Scholarship Club is underway now through May 16. Campaign members met for a luncheon on April 1 at which time they received materials and heard a brief address by the Reverend George Fitzsimmons, former Avila chaplain. Helm Lillis, president, was in charge of the program.

The goal in this year's campaign is to bring the membership to 400, an increase of 88 members. Three types of memberships are available. Regular membership annual dues are \$50 and sustaining membership dues are \$100 or more. The perpetual (lifetime) membership of \$1,000 may be paid out over three years. All dues are used in their entirety to provide financial assistance to students.



#### Senator Eagleton to Give Commencement Address

Senator Thomas F. Eagleton will address the fifty-eighth Commencement on May 24. The senator from Missouri will speak during the ceremony on the terrace of Blasco Hall at 6 p.m. Approximately 200 seniors will receive baccalaureate degrees and an honorary doctor of laws degree will be awarded to Senator Eagleton.

The Graduation Mass preceding Commencement will be celebrated by the Right Reverend Charles H. Helmsing, Bishop of Kansas City-St. Joseph at 4 p.m. in the Goppert Theatre. The Reverend Lewis Johnston, pastor of St. Peter's Episcopal Church, will read the lessons. Reverend Johnston is the husband of Virginia Johnston, coordinator of Avila's medical technology program.

Commencement weekend activities will begin with a evening barbecue on May 23. The Honors Convocation at 10 a.m. on May 24 will be followed by the Nurse's Pin Ceremony at noon and the Graduation Tea at 2 p.m. The late afternoon Mass and Commencement will conclude the activities.

#### Avila Summer Session

Day and evening courses Six and eight-week sessions Special sessions of one to five weeks Graduate credit courses in education Morning on-campus child care Registration June 12 and 13 Call Admissions Office at 942-8400 ext. 203

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#### Faculty Receive Recognition, Awards

A vocal concert by Sr. Olive Louise with readings by Sr. Felice was the occasion recently for honoring faculty and staff of the college. Senator Harry Wiggins, a member of the Board of Counselors of the college, presented resolutions which he introduced into the Missouri legislature citing the service to Avila and the contributions made

to education by Sr. Felice Helmes, Sr. Germaine Matter, Sr. de La Salle and Sr. Margaret Reinhart who have individually served the college for over 25 years.

Others receiving recognition were members of the college community who have been with the college for over 10 years. A reception for the honorees followed the concert. Special guests for the evening were the past recipients of the Avila Medal of Honor.



From left, Arthur Schlumpberger, G. Richard Scott, Thomas Webster, Sr. Rose Anthony Schmitt, Sr. Anna Schlett, Sr. Olive Louise, Sr. Rita Flaherty, and Sr. Una Marie Brumback.



Sr. Germaine Matter and Sr. Felice Helmes.



Sr. Olive Louise Dallavis and Alfred Blasco, chairman, Board of Trustees.



From left, Sr. de La Salle McKeon, Sr. Margaret Reinhart, Sr. Olive Louise and Senator Harry Wiggins.



From left, Catherine Dougherty, Marian Giesing, George Bryde, Sr. Margaret John Purcell, Sr. Rita Flaherty, Sr. Olive Louise and Norma Lewis.